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SUBJ: HUSSEIN MESSAGE TO JORDANIAN ARMY

1. BEIRUT INDEPENDENT DAILY L' ORIENT- LE- JOUR ( MAY 31)  
CARRIED LENGTHY TEXT OF PURPORTED SECRET MESSAGE FROM  
KING HUSSEIN TO JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICERS DATED MAY 13.  
HIGHLIGHTS OF MESSAGE, DESCRIBED AS EFFORT TO CLARIFY  
MISUNDERSTANDINGS RE JORDAN'S ROLE IN ARAB CAUSE AND WARN  
AGAINST SUBVERSION, FOLLOWS:

( A ) GREAT POWER INTERVENTION RESCUED ARABS IN 1956,  
BUT EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE IN 1967 PRECLUDED OUTSIDE HELP.  
DEFEAT IN JUNE WAR WAS DUE TO LACK OF ARAB MILITARY  
COORDINATION AND PAST NEGLECT OF THEIR ARMED FORCES DESPITE  
THEIR EQUIPMENT ADVANTAGE OVER ISRAEL. SUBSEQUENT HARD-  
LINE ARAB POSITIONS HAVE GIVEN ISRAEL TIME TO CONSOLIDATE  
HOLD OVER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

( B ) FEDAYEEN HAVE PURPOSELY WORKED TO DESTROY JORDAN  
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AND HAVE POISONED INTER- ARAB RELATIONSHIPS RATHER THAN SERVING AS FOCUS FOR EFFORTS AT UNITY. FEDAYEEN LEADERS PERSONALLY PROFIT FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN MOVEMENT WHILE STUPIDLY ALLOWING IDF TO CAPTURE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL ( THUS ENDANGERING LIVES OF TRUE PATRIOTS). ARAB ARMIES ARE HAMPERED MORE BY INTER- ARAB POLITICAL STRIFE THAN BY IDF. CONSEQUENTLY, FEDAYEEN WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO JORDAN.

( C) ARAB WAR PREPARATIONS AND EXTREME STATEMENTS BY ARAB LEADERS ARE DRIVING ARAB PEOPLES TOWARD PRECIPICE, SINCE ARABS NOT YET PREPARED FOR CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL. SUCH PREREQUISITES FOR SUCCESS AS UNIFIED COMMAND, COMMON OBJECTIVES, AND GOOD ARAB RELATIONS WITH JORDAN ARE ALL LACKING. HUSSEIN READY TO JOIN IN WAR IF VICTORY POSSIBLE, BUT ANOTHER DEFEAT CANNOT HELP ARAB CAUSE AND CAN LEAD TO CHAOS AND FURTHER CATASTROPHE. REGAINING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES REMAINS HIGHEST JORDANIAN OBJECTIVE, BUT GOAL NOT FURTHERED BY CUTTING GOJ OFF FROM CONTACT WITH CITIZENS LIVING UNDER ISRAELI RULE.

( D) ARAB AID TO GOJ HAS BEEN REDUCED, SO HUSSEIN HAS ASKED SAUDI ARABIA TO FULFILL COMMITMENTS, VOWING GOJ WILL NOT ABANDON BENEFACTORS AND DOES NOT WISH TO LOSE THEIR SUPPORT. KING WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH U. S. AND EUROPE INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT ON ME OIL, ANY THREATENED INTERRUPTION OF OIL FLOW BY ARABS COULD LEAD TO " FEROCIOUS CONFRONTATION." HOUGHTON

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